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SUBJECT: ECE 33RD SESSION AND POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL
ENVIRONMENT MEETING

REF: GENEVA 2533

1. DEPARTMENT IS SATISFIED WITH MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE
CONVEYED A SUBTLE CONNECTION BETWEEN BELGRADE OUTCOME AND
US RECEPTIVITY TO HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER,
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WISH TO MAKE THE CONNECTION MORE DIRECTLY AT THIS TIME,
EITHER WITH THE SOVIETS OR WITH OUR OWN ALLIES. BELGRADE
DISCUSSIONS HAVE REACHED A DELICATE POINT, WHERE CLOSE
COORDINATION AMONG US AND ALLIES AT NEGOTIATING SITE IS
ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE EITHER THE
ALLIES OR THE SOVIETS THE IDEA AT A SPECIAL BARGAIN IN
GENEVA OR ELSEWHERE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. WE DOUBT IN ANY

CASE WHETHER AN APPROACH ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN
REFTEL WOULD SWAY THE SOVIETS AND IT MIGHT COMPLICATE OR
FORECLOSE OUR OPTIONS ON ANY POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT CONFER-
ENCE. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, NOT RAISE A POSSIBLE BELGRADE
CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

2. DUE TO THE CRITICAL STAGE WHICH NEGOTIATIONS IN
BELGRADE HAVE REACHED, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES
IN GENEVA YOU SHOULD AVOID CHARACTERIZING THE POSSIBLE
RESULTS OF THE CSCE MEETING AS EITHER A SUCCESS OR A
FAILURE. VANCE

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